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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS HAVING FUNCTION OF AUTOMATICALLY
SELECTING ONE OF SHEET FEEDERS, METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE IMAGE
FORMING APPARATUS AND STORAGE MEDIUM

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